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From: Harris-Bishop, Rusty
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 2:27:49 AM
Subject: FW: Shiprock Mtg Update
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-----Original Message-----

From: Yogi, David  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:46 PM  
To: Manzanilla, Enrique; Wise, Robert; Allen, HarryL; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Tenley, Clancy; Hubbard,  
Secody; Guria, Peter; Blumenfeld, Jared; Moore, Kathi  
Cc: Nattis, Randy  
Subject: Re: Shiprock Mtg Update

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 12, 2015, at 7:41 PM, "Yogi, David" <Yogi.David@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Just got out of Shiprock meeting. Will give full update at end of day but wanted to give you quick  
update.  
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> Secody opened the presentation in Navajo and did an excellent job describing our role in the cleanup  
and how we're here to help. People were very receptive and applauded after his remarks.  
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> Randy then delivered a heartfelt and informative message, opening with direct quotes from the  
Administrator's apologetic statements pledging to cleanup the river and make sure this never happens  
again. Randy was clear in his remarks about what we were doing to assess contaminants in the river and  
how we wanted to hear from the community about water needs so we can assist. A heated Q&A followed

after and continued for 2.5 hours. Randy did well in empathizing with community members and answering their questions to the best of his ability. He and Secody was commended by the Shiprock chapter president, and thanked by the area director of BIA, and New Mexico State representative Sharon Chilleage. Further He was applauded by community members at various points during the session.

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> NPR, Gallup Independent attended. Gallup Indy asked a couple questions about water samples

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> We also wee able to do an interview with Navajo AM radio KNDN bf his talk where Randy was given an open mic to deliver remarks.

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> Standing room only, ~450 ppl, as hard as it comes.

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> Well done, Randy and Secody.

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> David